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Appl. No.: 09/822,942
Amdt. Dated: November 17, 2003
Reply to Office Action of: July 18, 2003

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/822,942
Applicants : Yoshiaki Takahashi et al.
Filed : March 30, 2001
Title : FRICTION-REDUCING SHIP AND METHOD
FOR REDUCING FRICTIONAL RESISTANCE

TC/A.U. : 3617
Examiner : Sherman D. Basinger

Docket No. : 33463

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AMENDMENT "B"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2003 (Paper No. 11). The three month period for responding to the Office Action expired on October 18, 2003. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request and petition that the response date be extended, for one month, to November 18, 2003. The \$110 extension of time fee is enclosed.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

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